



# Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

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Arthur Ortegon, Director of Government and External Affairs, for Comcast spoke on the latest at Comcast. Arthur spoke on four main areas: Community Impact, Economic Development, Comcast Network, and Innovation.

Comcast has an impact on the communities they serve. One project they have is for low income families. If a child in the family is eligible for free school meals, they get internet through Comcast at a significant cost reduction. They are serving approximately 168,000 in Colorado through this program. Comcast also has Comcast Care Days where their employees go out into the communities they serve and do volunteer work. In 2016, the latest year with data, 8,000 employees went out and worked on 40 different projects.

Comcast has a significant impact on the economic development in Colorado. They are currently on a \$7 billion development. In Colorado, Comcast has 9,000 employees, 3,000 in just Centennial. They paid \$1.2 million in fees to just Centennial.

The Comcast network is running on fiber optics. In the past 17 years, Comcast has increased the internet speed 18 times without any increase in cost. They made a decision early on that they would not adjust internet speed such as is allowed by the recent net neutrality ruling from the FCC.

Comcast is constantly updating their software and equipment. Every night, the software on your Comcast equipment is updated.

Arthur was asked if Comcast is participating in the new high speed internet being installed in Centennial by the City of Centennial. He stated they are not. He stated that Comcast likes to have control of their own infrastructure where they are responsible for the maintenance.

## ROTARY MINUTE

Don Shattuck gave the Rotary Minute and he presented an update on Polio Plus. Since I am writing this newsletter, I can put into it what I want so I am including the Polio Plus update.

There are still three polio endemic countries. They are Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. In 2015 there were 74 cases of paralytic polio in the three endemic countries. In 2016, there were 37 cases of paralytic polio. In 2017, there were 22 cases. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is still matching Rotarian gifts on a 2 for 1 basis. Remember that for every case of paralytic polio there are approximately 200 cases of non-paralytic polio

## CLUB BUSINESS

- Samantha stated there is a business mixer coming up on Feb 22. Brad Hablutzel is sponsoring it. It will be at A&I Financial Services office.
- Samantha also announced that upcoming food drives are listed on the Club Events Calendar at <http://bestrotary.com/calendar-field-event-date/month>. Next food drive is March 24 at the King Soopers at Parker and Arapahoe Roads
- Mary Alice announced a PrimeTimers event at Landry's on Feb 28. It is from 4-6. Additional information is at <http://bestrotary.com/prime-timers-calendar/month>.
- John McCarty announced that Engineers Without Borders is having a fund raiser for Clean Water Madagascar on Feb 22. Information is at <http://bestrotary.com/calendar-field-event-date/month>.
- John Peterson announced he will purchase a raffle ticket for every person who brings in a photo of the club website. The photo can be on your phone.

# 2015-2016 Club Officers

President—John Berry  
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Secretary—Karen Berry  
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Rotary Foundation—John McCarty  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 13-CLASSIFICATION TALK  
FEB 17-CHINESE NEW YEAR  
LINE DANCE, VOLCANO, 7:30  
PM  
FEB 20—GWEN JEWELL, AT-  
TORNEY: LINCOLN'S EGACY OF  
EQUALITY & LIBERTY  
FEB 22-ENGINEERS WITHOUT  
BORDERS FUNDRAISER  
MAY 19-29, ROTARY DISTRICT  
CONVENTION

## CLUB MAKEUPS:

<http://bestrotary.com/gallery-collections/video-galleries>

[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

## CHAT GROUPS

Following is the list of chat groups. If you name is first in your group, you are responsible for arranging the group.

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